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SUBJECT: LOS: SECRETARY'S VISIT SETEMBER 1 AND 2

MEETING WITH AMERASINGHE

1. SUMMARY: THE SECRETARY CALLED ON CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1. HE INDICATED HIS DISPLEASURE WITH THE COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE FROM WHICH AMERASINGHE HAD JUST RETURNED. WITH RESPECT TO THE CONFERENCE, THE SECRETARY EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DUAL ACCESS SYSTEM, HIGH SEAS RIGHTS IN THE ECONOMIC ZONE, AND MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. AMERASINGHE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SINGLE CONSOLIDATED TEXT AND THE PROCEDURES USED IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE COLOMBO CONFERENCE, FROM WHICH AMERASINGHE HAD JUST RETURNED, THE SECRETARY SAID WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE FACT THAT 100 NATIONS GET TOGETHER FOR ANTI-U.S. PROPAGANDA AND THEN COME TO OTHER CONFERENCE AND ASK FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION. HE QUESTIONED WHAT INTERESTS WE HAVE IN BUILDING UP COUNTRIES THAT ARE DEDICATED OPPONENTS OF THE U.S. HE QUESTIONED ALSO WHAT IS NON-ALIGNED ABOUT NORTH KOREA AND CUBA AND WHAT IS MORE LEGITIMATE ABOUT NORTH KOREA THAN SOUTH KOREA. AMERASINGHE NOTED THE DIFFICULTIES IN THE CONFERENCE IN KEEPING NEWCOMERS IN LINE. HE NOTED THAT VIETNAM WAS REASONABLE AND THAT EVEN PALESTINE DID NOT

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WANT A RESOLUTION TO EXPEL ISRAEL. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT

WHILE REALITY IS FORCING VIETNAM IN OUR DIRECTION, WE WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO VETO THEIR ADMISSION TO THE U.N. THIS YEAR.

3. WITH RESPECT TO COMMITTEE I, THE SECRETARY SAID WE COULD NOT GO BACK ON THE PARALLEL ACCESS SYSTEM, BUT COULD HELOP THE ENTERPRISE GET INTO BUSINESS AND HAVE A REVIEW CLAUSE. AMERASINGHE SAID HE FAVORS THE PARALLEL ACCESS SYSTEM.

4. COMMITTEE II - THE SECRETARY STRESSED THE IMPOR- TANCE OF PRESERVING HIGH SEAS EIGHTS. AMERASINGHE NOTED THE NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTIES, SPECIFICALLY FROM PERU.

5. COMMITTEE III - THE SECRETARY SAID THERE MUST BE A MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN CONSENT REGIME AND FREEDOM OF RE- SEARCH. THE SOLUTION LAY IN IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC SITUATIONS IN WHICH CONSENT IS NEEDED.

6. AMERASINGHE NOTED HIS INTENTION TO PREPARE A CONSOLIDATED TEXT, AND ASKED FOR THE SECRETARY'S SUPPORT. HE NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE EASIER TO SUPPORT THE TEXT IF IT ADEQUATELY REFLECTED THE U.S. INTERESTS, AND AGREED TO SUPPORT THE IDEA.
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